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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

In advance of prosecution, the Examiner is respectfully requested to amend the application as follows and consider the following remarks:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel the previous version of the following claims and replace them with the following rewritten versions. Marked up copies showing the amendments since the previous versions are annexed as separate pages.

Claim 4 (amended). The device as claimed in claim 1, wherein the region (3A, 3B) exhibiting the average roughness R_a has an average depth of roughness R_z of 1-150 μm .

Claim 5 (amended). The device as claimed in claim 1, wherein the region (3A, 3B) exhibiting the average roughness R_a is reduced together with the device (1) by injection molding, or is produced in a subsequent workstep by etching, grinding, embossing or spark erosion.

Claim 6 (amended). The device as claimed in claim 1, wherein the region (3A, 3B) exhibiting the average roughness R_a adjoins the edge (4, 4') beyond which the grip tab (6) protrudes, at least corresponds or exceeds in its width the width of the strip (5), and in its depth measures 0.5-20 mm.

Claim 9 (amended). The device as claimed in claims 6 or 7, wherein the edge (4, 4') beyond which the grip tab (6) projects has a low static friction and low sliding friction, surface.

Claim 12 (amended). The device as claimed in claim 1, wherein the reverse face of the adhesive sheet strip (5) is lined with a release laminate or a release film.

Claim 13 (amended). The device as claimed in claim 1, having hooks, latching projections or the like, located on its front face, laterally or both.

Claim 14. Please cancel.

Please add the following:

--Claim 15. The device of Claim 4, wherein said depth of roughness is 2-100 μm .

Claim 16. The device of Claim 6, wherein said depth measures 0.5-15 nm.

Claim 17. The device of Claim 9, wherein said low static friction and low sliding friction surface is a low-energy polymer surface.

Claim 18. The device of Claim 12, wherein said face of said adhesive sheet is lined with a siliconized release paper.--

REMARKS

This Preliminary Amendment is being filed to conform the claims to conventional format.

For the record, Applicants emphasize that although the claims were amended, and, therefore, might be argued to have been amended for a reason substantially related to patentability, a fair reading of the amended claims will reveal that the departures from the previous claims were for clarification purposes only, and that Applicants did not narrow the claims in any material respect. Therefore, Applicants submit that the amended claims are entitled to the full range of equivalents.

Early and favorable action is earnestly solicited.

CONDITIONAL PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

If any extension of time for this response is required, Applicants request that this be considered a petition therefor. Please charge the required petition fee to Deposit Account No. 14-1263.

ADDITIONAL FEE

Please charge any insufficiency of fees, or credit any excess, to Deposit Account No. 14-1263.

Respectfully submitted,

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**MARKED-UP COPY OF AMENDED CLAIM,
SHOWING CHANGES RELATIVE TO PREVIOUS VERSION**

Claim 4 (amended). The device as claimed in claim 1, wherein the region (3A, 3B) exhibiting the average roughness R_a has an average depth of roughness R_z of 1-150 μm [, in particular 2-100 μm].

Claim 5 (amended). The device as claimed in claim 1, wherein the region (3A, 3B) exhibiting the average roughness R_a is reduced together with the device (1) by injection molding, or is produced in a subsequent workstep[, in particular] by etching, grinding, embossing or spark erosion.

Claim 6 (amended). The device as claimed in claim 1, wherein the region (3A, 3B) exhibiting the average roughness R_a adjoins the edge (4, 4') beyond which the grip tab (6) protrudes, at least corresponds or exceeds in its width the width of the strip (5), and in its depth measures 0.5-20 mm[, especially 0.5-15 mm].

Claim 9 (amended). The device as claimed in claims 6 [and] or 7, wherein the edge (4, 4') beyond which the grip tab (6) projects has a low static friction and low sliding friction, [in particular a low-energy polymer] surface.

Claim 12 (amended). The device as claim 1, wherein the reverse face of the adhesive sheet strip (5) is lined with a release laminate[, such as a siliconized release paper] or a release film.

Claim 13 (amended). The device as claimed in claim 1, having [fixing means, such as] hooks, latching projections or the like, located on its front face, [and/or] laterally or both.